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Cynthia Purcell
Food Program Administrator
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Dear Ms. Purcell:

We are pleased to announce that Gap Ministries Summer Food Program is a recipient of the 2016 Western Region Summer Sunshine Award for the category *Reaching Rural, Tribal, and/or Underserved Communities*.

The Summer Sunshine Awards recognize sponsors who operate exemplary summer meals programs. Expanding access to summer meals for youth 18 years and younger in underserved rural areas is a priority for USDA FNS. We celebrate your successes in serving summer meals for the entirety of summer, involving volunteers in food production, and partnering with programs that were already providing summer enrichment activities to children in need.

To recognize Gap Ministries Summer Food Program's commitment to summer meals, please accept this Summer Sunshine Award certificate and banner as a token of our appreciation. The Western Regional Office thanks you and your team for your dedication to providing nutritious meals to children during the summer months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julie Mikkelsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Julie Mikkelsen
Division Director
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Cc: Nicholas Dunford, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Health and Nutrition Services Division, Arizona Department of Education

Melissa Conner, Director of Summer Food Service Program and Child and Adult Care Feeding Program, Arizona Department of Education

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